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Subject: FREIGHT TRAINS OF WEBSTER GROVES

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Dear Carol Hanlon,

My family first moved to Webster Groves, MO around 1904. My brother and his family still live in the house my grandparents built in the 1920's. I grew up enjoying the trains that moved through our little town. We would wave to the conductor and count the cars. My husband and I are raising our family less than one mile from the Union Pacific tracks with which we are concerned. Reality brings an alarming situation that requires your immediate attention.

We emlore the Department of Energy to NOT ship radioactive waste through Webster Groves, or any where for that matter. We understand that the DOE is planning to ship radioactive waste through Missouri on average every other day, for the next 25-30 years.

Just last May, a freight train derailed in Webster Groves, spilling the contents of 13 coal cars onto Lockwood Avenue - a prime family neighborhood. Accidents do happen. And so do acts of terrorism. How easy would it be for a terrorist to target a nuclear shipment crawling across our country from east to west, through our neighborhoods, our cities, our rich farmland?

Since we have not yet learned how to safely dispose of nuclear waste let us not compound the problem by moving it . Keep the nuclear waste in the place where it is generated. Better yet, stop making a waste that cannot be denatured, that lives forever, that is lethal forever, and 25,000 years is to me, "forever".

Please put all your effort into developing alternative sources of energy. In Carthage, Missouri a new plant has opened that is changing poultry waste into high quality oil! Soon they will try to apply this successful, existing technology to Pig wastes. We have brilliant scientists that have many answers to our energy problems NOW, and if encouraged and funded, they would come up with even more solutions - solutions that rely on RENEWABLE energy.

Immediate action to stop these shipments of nuclear waste is greatly appreciated!

Thank you, Beth and Cliff Bachman

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